GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2486
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CHARTER OF DEMANDS FOR BSCL
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment of Interim Relief of Rs.100/- as sanctioned by DHI pending settlement of Charter of Demands since 1990 was not paid to the workmen of Raniganj Group of closed refractory and ceramic units of BSCL till now;

(b) if so, whether the last charter of demands expired in 1982 and no fresh agreement was made thereafter;

(c) if so, whether the workmen of the said refractory units were also deprived of the payment of the enhanced VDA of Rs.2.00 per point; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND MINIST PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): As per BPE`s Order dated 08.09.1987, the Interim Relief was to be absorbed in future wage SettlementDue to persistent loss making performance of Raniganj Group of Works, the Company could neither enter into a fresh wage settlement with the workmen nor could pay the interim relief.

(c) & (d): The persistent loss making performance of the sick Refractory & Ceramic units of BSCL including Raniganj Group of Works made it impossible to carry out any increase in labour costs by way of implementing enhanced rate of VDA.